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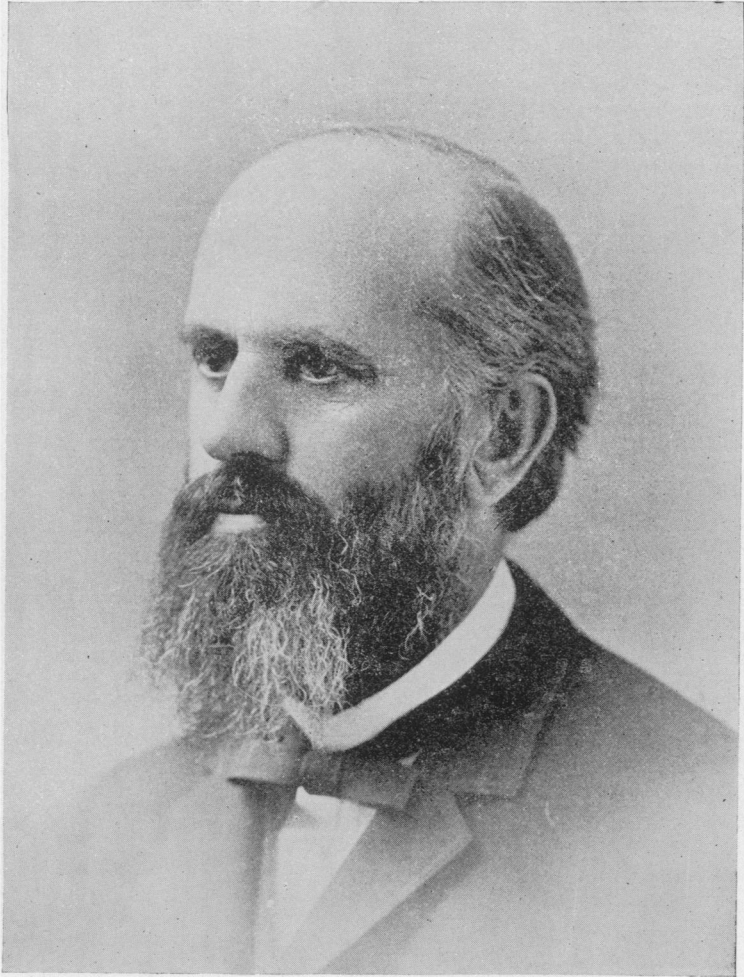
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DR. GEO. T. FAIRCHILD.

GEORGE THOMPSON FAIRCHILD was born in Brownhelm, Lorain county, Ohio, October 6, 1838. He was the youngest of eight children; was educated at Oberlin College, graduating from the classical course in 1862, and from the theological department in 1865. He was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational church, but was never a pastor. In 1865 he was elected an instructor in the Michigan State Agricultural College, and in the following year was appointed as professor of English literature. After nearly fourteen years in this position, he resigned it to accept the presidency of the Kansas State Agricultural College, to which place he was elected in 1879. He brought to his work in Kansas a ripe scholarship and such a clear appreciation of the true scope of agricultural education that he became the ideal president for such an institution. He was a man of great energy, of sound judgment in business affairs, and of experience in educational work. He had that love and respect for scientific truth that enabled him properly to appreciate the great importance of science as the foundation of all successful agriculture. While he never dictated methods to his associates in the faculty of the college, but left them unhampered, he stimulated each to do his best within his sphere, and held him to strict account as to results.

His retirement from the presidency of the college in 1897, the result of political change in the state, was a great misfortune to Kansas. But his eighteen years of faithful service, poorly paid for, as such services usually are, were of great benefit in molding character and in impressing high ideals of life and service, which will have lasting effect in the state. After a year of retirement from teaching, during which Doctor Fairchild wrote "Rural Wealth and Welfare," published by McMillan & Co. in their Rural Science series, he was called to the vice-presidency and chair of English literature in Berea College, Kentucky, a position which he held until his death. This event occurred, after a protracted illness and a severe surgical operation, in a hospital at Columbus, Ohio, March 16, 1901.

Doctor Fairchild had been for some time an annual member of the Kansas Academy of Science, and had taken a deep interest in its work. While not himself absorbed in any scientific pursuit, he encouraged scientific investigation in every way possible, and recognized its importance to the work in which he was engaged; and it was fitting that after his removal from the state the Academy should recognize



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his friendly spirit toward his work by electing him to honorary membership. This was done at the holiday meeting of two years ago; but disease had already laid its hand upon him and he was too weak to acknowledge the receipt of the secretary's notice of his election. By his death the cause of science and the cause of education both sustained a great loss. His was a personality and character whose good influence was impressed upon thousands of young lives in Michigan, in Kansas, and in the whole country, and his early death was a cause for sincere regret.

DAVIS A. BOYLES.

DAVIS A. BOYLES was born in Saline county, Kansas, August 17, 1872, and died at Salina, July 9, 1902. Most of his life was spent in Salina and near that place. He was an enthusiastic naturalist, and was a scholarly gentleman. He was a teacher in the schools of Salina, and had at times acted as assistant to Prof. A. W. Jones, at the Salina Wesleyan University. He was married in May of 1902, and besides his young wife, he leaves a mother, father, and a brother. He was elected an active member of the Kansas Academy of Science at the McPherson meeting, December 29, 1899.